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MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that people who are already working this Act are not on the Committee to give their advice or suggestion? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government are not aware of it but on further consideration if it is found a new Committee is to be formed, the Government will consider that."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions over."

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the State Library Committee :—

(1) Sri Alexander Gnanamuttu, M.L.C.

(2) Sri E. H. Parameswaran, M.L.C.

" As more than one member has been duly nominated, the House will proceed to elect a member by ballot. The election will be held in the Deputy Secretary's room between 11 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th July. After getting his ballot paper, each member is requested to record his vote and deposit his voting paper in the ballot box provided for the purpose."

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I must inform the House that many hon. Members wish to speak on the Budget. Therefore, I request hon. Members to be as brief in their observations as possible and there are only two days left for general discussion."

* JANAB MAHOMED USMAN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I should like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the Hon. Chief Minister on the policy of decontrol of foodgrains which he introduced soon after he assumed office. Sir, at one time we had thought that controls would become a permanent feature of the administration. When I was a Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, control was introduced. At that time there was a great deal of hesitation and a great deal of doubt whether control would ever be a success in a country like India. Of course, during war-time it was necessary to have controls but after the war was over these controls ought to have been removed. Sir, we all know what amount of corruption there has been on account of controls. It is a matter for congratulation that control has been abolished and decontrol has been introduced. I am glad to say, Sir, that the policy which has been inaugurated by Rajaji has been followed in other States. I think, Bihar has decontrolled foodgrains. Yesterday, we read in the papers that Mysore has also decontrolled foodgrains.